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Brown turns 99 years old...Part 2

By Teresa Bigham
 The Hesperian-Beacon

"Moving to Tulia was the best thing I ever did. That's where I met the love of my life," said Brown. "Her name was Wilma Holcomb and she was the most beautiful thing I ever saw. She was working for dentist just around the corner from the dry cleaners. I would see her walking to work and I just knew I had to meet her, so I introduced myself to her and asked her out on a date."

The popular thing to do at that time was roller-skating in downtown Tulia. There was a huge tent set-up and we'd skate for hours. "I was a pretty good skater, but Wilma was even better. Those were the good ol days. Wilma was so smart, and funny. I just loved everything about her," said Brown.

One of my favorite memories of Wilma is when I got off from work and walk out to my car, she would be sitting in there waiting for me," said Brown. "A few months of dating I popped the question and she said yes."
 We didn't have much money for a wedding so we decided that we would have a very simple ceremony. "We drove to Plainview to a Methodist Preacher's house on a Sunday,

April 12, 1942 and we got married on his front porch. "I was just 21 years old," said Brown. "After we got married, we drove back to Tulia to tell Wilma's parents what we had done. I was so scared to tell them. Her daddy was a big man and she was his baby girl.



Claude Brown and the love of his life, Wilma. This photo was taken Feb. 1959. (Courtesy photo)

We gather up the courage and told them. I remember her daddy crying like a baby."

The couple barely had time to settle into married life when he was drafted into the Air Force on Oct. 7, 1942. He took six weeks of basic training at Sheppard Field in Wichita Falls and went on to Chanute Airfield in Illinois

for fourteen weeks of packer training. His unit was assigned overseas training in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

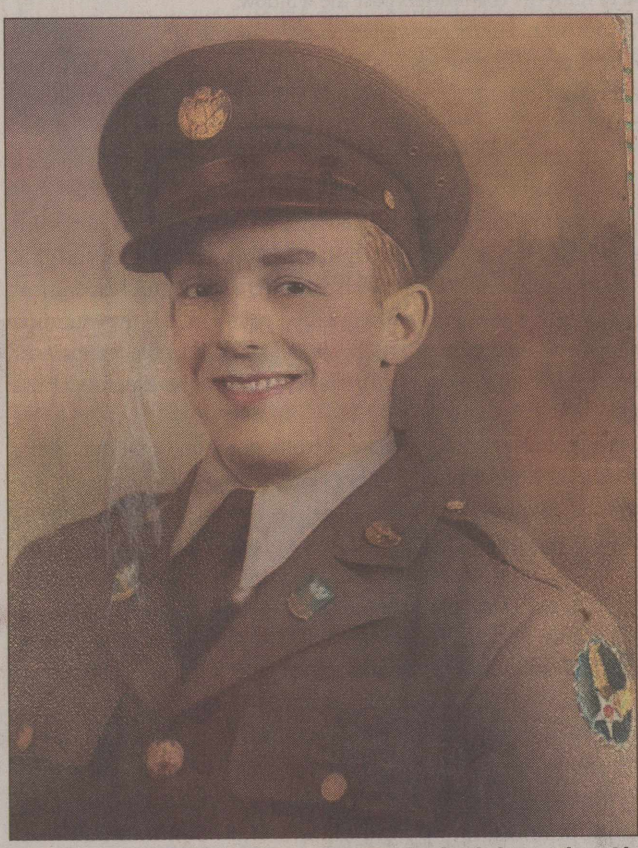
Brown recalled rigid combat training, we marched up and down the boardwalk and our instructor made us sing before turning in for the night.

One night we balked at the signing, and he marched us until we started singing."

His unit's next stop was New Orleans where his unit was shipped out to Puerto Rico

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Claude Brown is seen here working on repairing parachutes. (Courtesy photo)



21-year-old, Claude Brown was drafted into the Air Force on October 7, 1942. (Courtesy photo)



Upcoming

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Please submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Listings will run through the date of the event. Emailed submissions are preferred to banderson@lknewsgroup.com.

FREE LANDFILL DUMPING CITY OF FLOYDADA

City of Floydada will allow free dumping at the sanitation landfill Mar. 16-20. The City of Floydada Landfill, located at 2130 U.S. Hwy. 70, is open Monday through Friday, 8-5 p.m. If unable to dump during the spring cleanup week, residents with utilities through the City can acquire landfill coupons (\$25 value) at the City office at 114 W. Virginia St. For more info, see front page article in this week's Hesperian-Beacon.

LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION LOCKNEY POOL

Lifeguard certification course will be held March 14, 15, 16 for NEW certifications. March 16 will be for recerts only. New certifications must contact Aimee Jackson immediately for info on online course work. Text or call Aimee @ 806-406-9650.

CAPROCK BEEF CATTLE CONFERENCE

Texas A&M Agri-Life Extension Service will hold the Caprock Beef Cattle Conference on March 26. Conference will be held at the Unity Center in Muncy. \$25 admission. RSVP by March 20 to Mark Carroll 806-983-4912 or Andy Hart 806-291-5267. Early registration is advised. Spaced is limited to first 100.

CITY OF LOCKNEY COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

The City of Lockney will have a community-wide clean up June 15 - 20 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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LHS Widener qualifies for State

By Teresa Bigham
 The Hesperian-Beacon

SEAGRAVES - Friday Lockney powerlifters traveled to Seagraves for the Regional Powerlifting Meet.

Hailee Widener, LHS senior, squatted 355 pounds, bench pressed 205, and deadlifted 300 pounds.

Widener came in fifth place with 860 pounds. She is ranked second in her class. She will be advancing to State which will be held in Waco on March 19 and 20.

Congratulations Hailee and good luck at State!



(L to R) Lockney High School Powerlifting Coach Chris Pritchard and Hailee Widener at the Regional Meet in Seagraves. (Courtesy photo)



Hailee Widener squatting 355 pounds at the Regional Powerlifting Meet in Seagraves on Friday. (Courtesy photo)

Free Landfill Dumping During Spring Break

By Jennifer Harbin
 The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA—In a consolidated effort to help the citizens of Floydada and clean up the city, the City of Floydada will allow free dumping at the sanitation landfill Mar. 16-20.

Street and Sanitation Supervisor Eddie Sanchez stated that dumping is free for residents within the city limits only, businesses do not qualify.

"We do ask that they bring their utility bill so that we can make sure that they are from Floydada," added Police Chief Reuben Ramon.

A wide variety of items can be hauled to the landfill, including household trash, furniture, appliances and remodeling debris such as wood, sheetrock, etc.

"If they're going to bring a refrigerator, they need be sure that the freon is out of the re-

frigerator," said Ramon.

Tires and shingles can be dumped for a fee calculated by type and weight, respectively. Tree limbs are also allowed for a fee.

Car batteries, bulky chemicals and pesticides are prohibited due to possible water contamination. Paint can be dumped, however, only if dried out first.

"A lot of people think it's the City's responsibility to clean up the alley," added Ramon. "But it falls back on the owners of the property, and they could be fined for junk or illegal dumping."

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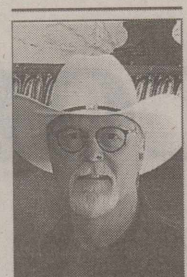
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Between the lines

We need men because the lion and the lamb don't lie down together on earth



BRUCE W. GREEN

Boys receive little sympathy in the modern age, so it's particularly hard raising a man today.

It's always been a challenge, but modern society and unseen forces seem to be conspiring against boys these days, so as to leave them in a perpetual state of adolescence.

Everybody a boy comes into contact with during his early years is constantly telling him to "be still, be still," while God is telling him to "move, move."

Boys wear the same socks for days; They find the silliest things and crudest noises hilarious. Their body may be in the classroom, but their eyes and mind follow every butterfly that flutters past the window.

Boys would rather compete, wrestle and roughhouse than eat. They love to sing as long as the songs tell manly tales, and their natural instincts are aggressive (until our modern enlightened society restrains them).

Fortunate is the house that escapes chaos and property damage where boys are growing up.

Thanks to a "one size fits all" educational system, boys are compelled to spend the majority of their day in the company of women and girls.

Anthony Esolen states, "We have undertaken a great experiment unknown to any society until a hundred years ago. It is the education of boys en masse by women, always indoors and in the company of girls. I think we can say, with reservations, that the experiment has failed."

Esolen is only stating a general truth, not a universal one. Some women do very well teaching boys because those women really like boys and their boyish ways.

But boys are in special need of rituals of self-discovery in ways girls are not and, it generally takes a man to introduce those rituals and to help boys discover what it means to be a man.

Speaking of a boy in need of manly self-discovery, it was a minor miracle that I grew into manhood.

Charlie Brown's dog, Snoopy is known to have said (thought), "It's better to live one day as a lion than a dozen years as a sheep." The day I discovered this was a major step toward me becoming a man.

It started with a boy named "Bo". I was a bit timid and Bo singled me out for unmerciful teasing. He called me names and teased me for everything he could imagine, and Bo had a very active imagination.

Then one day, as he waited for me to pass by on my walk home from school, Bo stood in my way and loudly hurled every insult at me an 11-year-old boy can think of.

For some inexplicable reason, I decided at that moment I would rather die like a lion than live one more minute as a sheep.

I walked up to Bo, punched him in the nose, and commenced to give him a sound beating, appropriate to a boy of his age and manners.

I know, I know. If this column makes its way into the hands of someone living in Austin, it is likely to have a scandalizing effect.

No doubt, such a reader will think the police should have been called, I should have been locked in juvenile detention and medicated until my eyes glazed over.

Admittedly, society was different then. We didn't have to worry about a whole generation without a moral compass, or deadly weapons being carried by 11-year-olds. And we didn't try to root out of a boy the nature implanted within him.

We knew back then that for a boy to become a man, he had to overcome the temptation to live his whole life as a sheep. The stability of the world depended on that then, and it still does.

Don't get me wrong. A boy ought to avoid punching another boy in the nose - when he can do so without doing damage to himself or allowing damage to be done to others who are innocent.

But, for his own good, and the good of the world, a boy must be raised as a boy, so he will grow into a man, rather than remaining a boy, and a sheep, his whole life.

Amazingly, Bo became my best friend after getting punched in the nose. He couldn't do enough for me, and he even called me by my real name.

I am not glorifying violence and there is a whole lot more to becoming a man than learning to stand up for oneself and others.

But the point is that a boy has to learn to be a man, and he's not getting much help from society these days. Boyhood comes naturally but manhood does not.

We have to appreciate the special nature of boys and raise them according to that nature. Otherwise, we end up with a "manboy," and that's bad for young women and the whole world.

Snoopy's advice is pretty doggone good (no pun intended). A time will come for a boy when he must decide that it is better to live one day as a lion than to live a dozen years as a sheep.

A boy will more likely come to that important conclusion if his uniqueness is recognized and channeled in manly ways while he is young. bgreen@lknewsgroup.com

Raissez re-elected in Primary

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY - Sheriff Paul Raissez of Lockney was re-elected in the March 2 Republican Primary garnering 629 votes to 364 for Cory Speed of Floydada.

County Commissioner, Precinct 1, Tanner Smith received 348 votes, or 100% of registered votes.

County Commissioner, Precinct 3, Nathan Johnson received 92 votes or 100% of registered votes.

Karry D. Pratt received 824 votes or 100% for Republican County Chairman.

Dalia Suarez received 100% or 871 votes for County Tax Assessor.

In the Presidential Primary the top finishers in Floyd County were Joseph R. Biden, Democratic party with 53 votes or 47.75 of registered votes. On the Republican Party, President Donald Trump had 851 votes or 89.58% of registered votes.

District Attorney, 110th Judicial District, Republican Party, Wade Jackson received 818 votes

or 100% of registered vote.

Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District, Place 4, Republican Party, Larry Doss received 438 votes or 62.75% and Steven Denny received 260 votes or 37.25%.

Brian Quinn received 725 votes or 100% of registered votes for Chief Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District, Republican Party.

State Representative, District 68, Republican Party, Drew Springer received 789 votes or 100% of registered votes.

Charles Perry, State Senator, District 28, Republican Party received 801 votes or 100% of registered votes.

David Newell received 715 votes or 100% for Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 9, Republican Party.

Kevin Patrick Yeary received 715 votes or 100% for Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 4, Republican Party.

Gina Parker received 345 votes or 46.06% and Bert Richardson received 404 votes or 53.94% of registered votes for Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3, Republican Party.

Justice, Supreme Court, Place

8, Republican Party, Brett Busby received 672 votes or 100%.

Jeff Boyd received 734 votes or 100% for Justice, Supreme Court, Place 7, Republican Party.

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 6, Republican Party, Jane Bland, received 739 votes or 100% of registered votes.

Republican Party, Chief Justice, Supreme Court, Nathan Hecht received 100% of registered votes or 746.

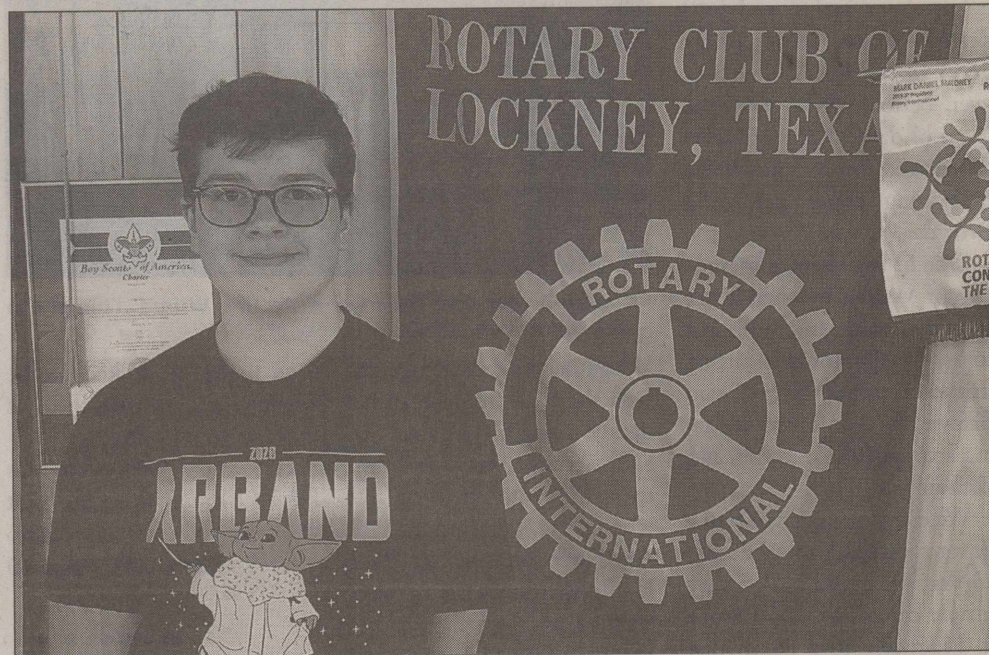
Railroad Commissioner, Republican Party, James Wright received 501 votes or 64.48% of registered votes and Ryan Sitton received 276 votes or 35.52% of registered votes.

In the United States Representative, District No. 19, Republican Party, Vance W. Boyd received 88 votes or 17.22% of registered votes and Jodey C. Arrington received 423 votes or 82.78% of the registered votes.

John Cornyn received 635 votes or 73.50% of registered votes for the United States Senator, Republican Party.

State Representative, District 68, Democratic Party, Patsy Ledbetter received 96 votes or 100% of the Registered votes.

Lockney Rotary Club



Bryson Klein entertain the Lockney Rotary with a variety of piano songs from Joplin to Elton John. Bryson is a 7th grader at Lockney Junior High and is the son of Jerry Klein and Diane Klein. (Courtesy Photo)

The South Plains Hobby Club

February 19, 2020

By Mary M. Carter
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The South Plains Hobby Club met at Jim and Denise Doucette home on Feb. 19. The time was 2 p.m. Our meeting was postponed from last week because of bad weather.

Helen Teeple, our President, introduced our guest speaker, Jim Doucette. He has written his fourth book, "Flat Top Mountain Ranch - The Beginning." Some of the action in the book he has experienced. He is already working on his fifth book. He just enjoys writing. Jim told us about each of the books he has written.

He is very interested in history and has a vast knowledge of war history. Jim and Denise were in the cable business and they had an office in Lockney. He is from the east coast, Maine to Brooklyn, New York. If you haven't read his first book, "The Not So Great American Novel", you should as it is full of some very interesting family personal experiences.

Jim started writing when he was sick and couldn't do much at the time. It gave him something to do, but he found that it interested him and he liked it. He was urged by a book editor to finish the writing he had started. I am personally glad because I

have read some of his books and I feel like I'm right there to see what is happening as the story unfolds. Denise proof-reads his work which he appreciates. There are several drafts of each book before a book is finished.

There is more work into writing than we know. Getting a book to print, and seeing it completely done takes a lot of work and time. You just have to take a deep breath when you hold a finished book in your hand. These are the four books Doucette has written: 1. The Not So Great American Novel, 2. Stealing Fire, 3. Last Assassination, 4. Flat Top Mountain Ranch - The Beginning. Jim did contribute to "Witnesses to the Crucifixion" by Ricky Carstensen.

Also, Marie Doucette, Jim's daughter, wrote and illustrated "Animals I Know" and "The Isle of the Dragonfly." They are beautiful children's books.

Thank you, Jim and Denise for the comfort of your home for our meeting and all the information on the books. The personal experiences were fun and added to the whole picture. It was very interesting to hear someone speak of history and so many facets of all the wars. Thank you, Jim, for answering all the questions. So many people have always wanted to write

and just haven't, - YET! We appreciated your overview of your books and discussion on history with us today.

Helen called the meeting to order and took care of business. First she prayed for the sick. Please add our folks that are sick to your prayer list. Even though you don't know who they are. They need all the prayer they can get.

The Cross View Camp is having their "Festival of Tables" on March 21. Tickets are \$25. To find out about the details, call someone you know in the Hobby Club. They will be happy to answer your questions about buying tickets.

We had what our hostesses called snacks but, I would say a small luncheon. The fruit was so sweet and the grapes were huge. The veggies were crunchy and good. It was a treat.

The hostesses were Denise Doucette and Helen Teeple. Thank you, Denise and Helen for the work it took just cutting up everything. We enjoyed it.

Those attending were Janis Julian, Virginia Taylor, Helen Teeple, Carolyn Marble, Peggy Roberts, Neta Marble, Sue Daniels, Nancy Marble, Denise Doucette, Janie Anderson, Mary Lou Zinck, Margie Young, Mary M. Carter, and Jim Doucette, our guest speaker.

Alzheimer's Association to hold Community Forum in Plainview

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Alzheimer's Association West Texas Chapter will host a Community Forum for Plain-

view residents on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 p.m. at the Plainview Chamber of Commerce, 1906 W 5th Street, Plainview, TX 79072. This event

is free and open to the public.

"The Alzheimer's Community Forum is a way to connect with others who have been impacted by Alzheimer's and other dementias and truly understand what the impact to the community is and how we can put steps in place to better serve Plainview and Hale County," says Dave Hernandez, Director of Programs and Services at the West Texas Alzheimer's chapter. "As we continue to provide care, support, education and research to the residents within and around Hale County, it's important for us to meet individuals within the community and listen to their experiences related to Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia."

The Alzheimer's Association Community Forum will accomplish this through an open discussion with residents and families impacted by the disease, healthcare experts and community leaders.

"Bring a friend who has been affected by the disease,"

says Hernandez. "Share your thoughts about how we can help people in your community. Families are invited to come together with Association staff and volunteers to mobilize communities in the fight against Alzheimer's disease."

The Forum has limited seating and refreshments will be provided. Attendees can preregister by calling the Association's 24/7 Helpline at 800.272.3900.

There are an estimated 5.8 million Americans living with Al-

zheimer's disease; nearly 390,000 live in Texas. Texas ranks 4th nationally in the number of Alzheimer's cases and 2nd in Alzheimer's deaths. Alzheimer's is the 6th leading cause of death in the nation and to date cannot be prevented, cured or slowed.

About the Alzheimer's Association

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. The Alzheimer's Association leads the way to end Al-

zheimer's and all other dementia — by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia. For more information, visit alz.org or call 800-272-3900.

As one of 75 chapters of the Alzheimer's Association, the West Texas Chapter provides information, education and support to people with Alzheimer's and other dementias, their families and caregivers. www.alz.org/westtexas

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SOCIETY

Floyd County Abstract chosen as Floydada Chamber "Business of the Month"



The Floydada Chamber of Commerce wants to congratulate the Floyd County Abstract for being "Business of the Month" for March. Judy Thayer and the rest of the staff are loyal contributors to the community. They are a vital part of our town and we are thankful to have them. Congratulations and keep up the great work! (Courtesy Photo)

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Our Second Tuesday Bingo has been changed to 2nd Thursday Bingo. Next bingo date will be March 12. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and play will begin at 6 p.m. Bingo special includes: 2 cards, meal, drink, dessert for \$5. Extra cards: 3 for \$2 or \$1 a card. Prizes include meal vouchers, cash, and household items and merchant gift cards from businesses in Floydada. The Progressive Bingo game is over \$125 cash.

We are in need of a volunteer delivery driver for one day or more. You will receive a delicious meal as payment for your time. The driver will report to the Center at 11:15 a.m. The deliveries take about 30 minutes.

Remember, Tuesday meals are \$4 meals. Check the menu to see what is offered each Tuesday.

Call us at 983-2032 for home delivery by 11 am. Our delivery drivers will begin delivering at 11:30 a.m.

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235. Our phone number is 983-2032. Thank you for remembering the Center with your donations or memorials.

MENU

March 16 - March 20

- Monday - Chili or vegetable soup
- Tuesday - Smothered burritos - \$4
- Wednesday - Sirloin patty w/natural gravy
- Thursday - Chicken fried steak
- Friday - Fish fry

(Menu subject to change without notice)

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY—The Center is now serving a BREAKFAST BUFFET on Wednesdays ONLY! Times: 5:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. \$6 per plate. Coffee or juice - \$1.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

MARCH CALENDAR:

- March 16 - Bingo
- March 22 - Sunday Lunch - 11:30 - 1 p.m.
- March 27 - Family Night Fish Fry - 5-8 p.m.
- March 30 - Board Meeting - 5:30

Lockney Senior Citizens is a 501 c3 nonprofit organization, we receive no government funding, we rely on the generosity of our community. We appreciate any and all donations.

Breakfast is served here at the Center from 5:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Monday thru

Friday only. Lunch is served Monday thru Friday from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Be sure and call the Center by 9:30 a.m. if you would like to eat lunch at the Center. Our phone number is 806-652-2745.

Remember to come exercise with us on Wednesday, and Friday, 8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Coffee time - Monday- Saturday - 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Our Thursday night potluck is from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. Bring a dish and a friend and enjoy games afterwards.

MENU

March 9 - March 13

- Monday - Loaded baked potatoes
- Tuesday - Taco salad - \$4
- Wednesday - Pulled pork
- Thursday - Spaghetti
- Friday - Fried chicken

(Menu subject to change without notice)

THE FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM MEMORIES 1979

DAVE HOKE WIDENER

Dave Hoke Widener was born in Pontotoc, Mississippi on November 22, 1872. His father's name was Samuel Widener and his mother was Jennie Harrison. Dave came to Texas in 1893 at the age of 21. He started working for a Mr. Tom Brown about five miles west of Mansfield, Texas, doing farm work. Mr. Brown had a daughter named Dora. Dave fell in love with her and they were married February 16, 1896. Dave worked for wages for some time and later rented a farm from Mr. Brown and started farming for himself.

Dave and Dora had five girls and one boy, Mina Alta, born February 10, 1897 who later married Brentz Breed on July 23, 1915; Lela, born July 25, 1899 and married Roy Billington, March 31, 1918; Vera, born April 23, 1901 and married Roe Jones on November 22, 1919; Lennie,

born April 17, 1905 and married Clifford Willis on April 28, 1923; Gladys, born October 5, 1907 and married Earl Smyth on October 12, 1927; and a son Ernie born January 9, 1910 and married Juanita Shirey on December 30, 1929. Juanita passed away on July 13, 1956. Ernie later married Gladys Bertrand Westfall on December 28, 1959. The children were all born in Johnson County about five miles west of Mansfield, Texas.

In August 1914, Dave and Dora decided to move to a farm near Memphis, Texas. The family moved out there in September and picked cotton all fall, then he rented some land from Marion Smith the first of January 1915. Dave made two good crops there and got a good price for it, so in the fall of 1916 he came to Floyd County and bought one-half section of land in the

Lakeview Community. He and his family came across country in two covered wagons in December 1916 to his new place. He would stop near a farm home at night and camp so as to get water for the family and his mules. The ground was covered in snow most of the way making it a very cold trip. They all got to Floydada about 9:30 P.M. on December 23, 1916. And stopped in a wagon yard. Dave had sent his household things, tools, cows and chickens in an immigrant, or box car from Memphis, Texas to Floydada. His brother-in-law, Burlie Brown, came in the car to see to his things. His car was already at Floydada, so next morning he and the brother-in-law unloaded the things and headed for the farm 8 1/2 miles southeast of Floydada. There was a small three room house on the place where they lived until Dave

could build a new home. Dave and Brentz hauled all the lumber to build the new home in wagons drawn by mules from Floydada. The new home was finished in the spring. Dave farmed there until he retired in 1936. They bought a home in town in December 1955 on East Houston Street. Dave and Dora were able to celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary together. Dave died suddenly of a heart attack in his home June 19, 1959. He was buried June 21, 1959 in Floyd County Memorial Park, Floydada. Dora lived on in the home most of the time till she died January 3, 1962. She was buried January 5, 1972. She was buried January 5, 1972, also in Floydada. Lela Billington, their second daughter, died the day before her mother on January 2, 1972 and was buried January 4 in Amarillo, Texas.

Recipe of the Week

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

The recipe of the week comes from Tessa Stapp Rogers. She was born and raised in Lockney. Her parents are Randell and Virginia Stapp.

Tessa met her husband on a blind date. A friend set the two up on a blind date. Tessa and Jason got married in May 2008. The couple have three daughters 10-year-old Teagan, 8-year-old Scout and 5-year-old Remi.

Tessa is sharing a recipe, Chicken Chili. She grew up on it and recalls when her mother made this it was with so much love.

Tessa's oldest daughter Teagan also requests this for her birthday meal.



Tessa Rogers and her daughter Teagan Rogers. (The Hesperian-Beacon/TeresaBigham)

CHICKEN CHILI

- 1 boned boiled chicken
- 1-pint half & half
- 1 lb. Velveeta cheese
- 1 large diced onion
- 1-pint tomatoes juice
- 1 large can diced green chilies

Sauté onions and chilies in 1 stick of butter. Put all ingredients above in a big pot and then add more milk, maybe close to 1/2 gallon. Heat and serve with Fritos.

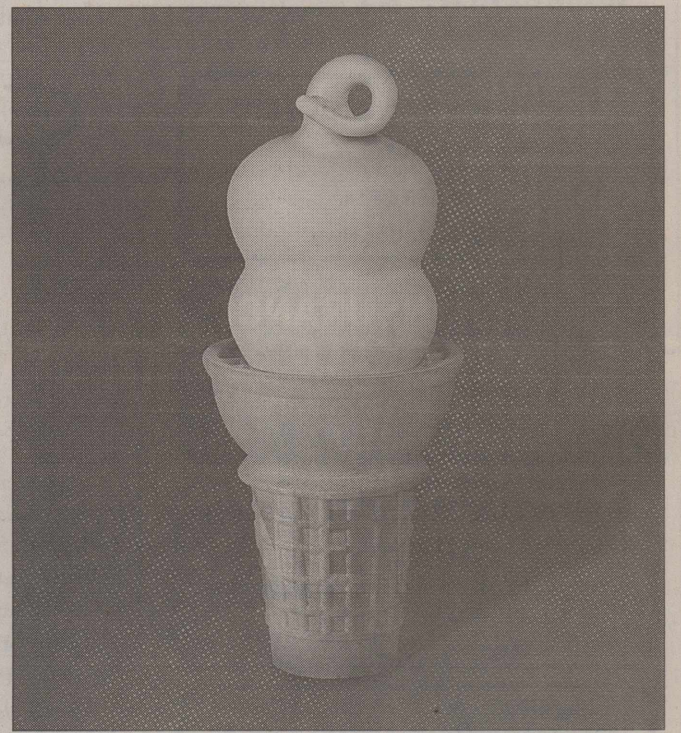
Texas Dairy Queen celebrates first day of spring with a free cone!

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

BEDFORD - Nothing says spring has arrived in the Lone Star State better than lush fields of glorious bluebonnets. But on Thursday, March 19, DQ's fans (and fanatics) can celebrate spring's arrival with a free small cone from participating Texas Dairy Queen (TDQ) stores across the state.

Fans can upload their Free Cone Day photos using the hashtag "freeceday." But wait, there's more. If fans want more free treats, they can upload their photos to the DairyQueenTexas Facebook page under YourDQ-Moments, and if their photo is selected, they could snag a \$10 TDQ gift card.

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OBITUARIES/CHURCH

Violet Cooper

Violet Cooper, age 96, passed away Wednesday, March 4, 2020.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 7, 2020 at First Baptist Church in Lockney.

Interment followed at the Lockney Cemetery.

Visitation was held from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 6, 2020 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

Arrangements were under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Lockney.

Violet was born January 31, 1924 in Gray Mule, Texas to Bessie and Otis Purcell. She graduated from Quitaque High School in 1942, where she was the Editor in Chief for her Senior class. She married the love of her life, Glen Cooper, on May 9, 1947. They began farming in Lockney the next year.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Lockney, where she taught Sunday School, Training Union and sang in the choir.

She helped Glen on the farm and was a volunteer at the hospital and nursing home until she purchased the Longhorn Inn, a small café across the street from the Lockney High School in 1963. There she served hamburgers, hot dogs and school supplies for almost 30 years.

In 1971, she decided she was bored in her summer-time while school was out, so she asked the City of Lockney if she could be the manager of the Lockney Swimming Pool and she did that for many years.

Violet was named Woman of the Year by the Lockney Chamber of Commerce in 1977. She sold the Longhorn Inn and wanted to keep working and



VIOLET COOPER

became a teachers' aide for 10 years in the Junior High and also drove a school bus.

She was a member of the Sonsetter's Reunion Prayer Group for 15 years. She was also a member of the local Eastern Star Chapter and Daughters of the American Revolution.

Violet is preceded in death by her parents, Otis and Bessie Purcell; her husband, Glen Cooper. See **OBITS**, Page 10

James Richard Elliott

James Richard Elliott, 86, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 5, 2020.

Memorial services were held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at Trinity Assembly of God Church in Floydada.

Arrangements were under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

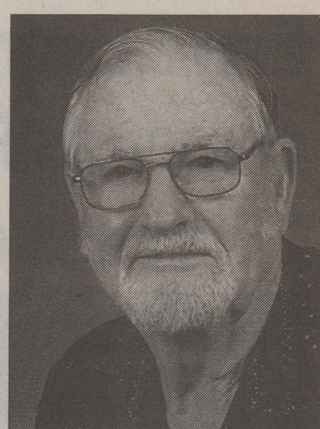
Richard was born on July 6, 1933 in Jayton, Texas to James and Katy (Butler) Elliott.

He was a veteran of the Korean War. He married Jo Bunch on January 10, 1986 in Odessa, Texas. Richard worked and owned Elliott Repair Ser-

vice in Odessa until retiring in 2009.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Vicki (1985), brothers, James Ernest, Jr., W.T., Hassel, Clifton, Dale, Raymond, Arthur, and Wayne, sisters, Odessa Elliott Starritt and Mary Thomas Ferguson, and granddaughter through love, Ryan Nicole White.

Richard is survived by his wife, Jo; sons, Randee and wife, Jennifer and Jason, grandsons, Braeden and Cannon, granddaughter through love, Mariah Dennis, granddogs, Kenzie, Daizie, and Lando, and many, many nieces, nephews, extend-



JAMES RICHARD ELLIOTT

ed family, and friends.

In lieu of flowers the family asks for donations to be made to ASPCA as Richard loved his dogs.

Kevin Wayne Martin

Kevin Wayne Martin, 61, passed peacefully in his sleep on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 in Tulia, Texas.

Services were held at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 14, 2020 at the Memorial Park Cemetery in Flomot. David Patrick officiated.

Cremation arrangements are under the care of Kornerstone Funeral Directors of Plainview.

He was born June 20, 1958 in Lockney to Rayford and Delores Martin.

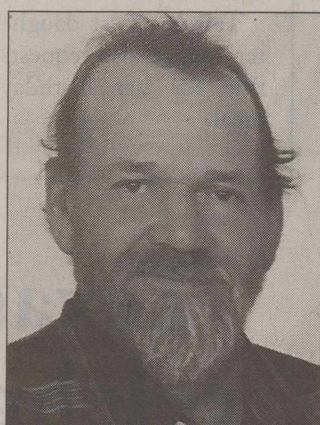
He was loved by his fam-

ily and friends. He was a dependable and loyal worker and he loved working outside and working with his hands.

He is preceded in death by his father, Rayford Martin; his mother, Delores Auld; his step-father, Tommy Auld and his brothers, Randy Martin and Brent Martin.

He is survived by numerous family and friends.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, to please donate to your local cancer programs that help those that



KEVIN WAYNE MARTIN

are local and have cancer.

Online condolences can be made at www.kornerstonefunerals.com

Victor "Duane" Griffith

Victor "Duane" Griffith, age 79, of Grapevine, passed away on Monday, March 2, 2020 in Grapevine, Texas.

Services were held at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 7, 2020 at Northwest Church of Christ in Plainview. Lewis Senter officiated.

Interment followed at Lockney Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the care of Kornerstone Funeral Directors of Plainview.

Visitation with the family was held from 5 - 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 6, 2020 at Kornerstone.

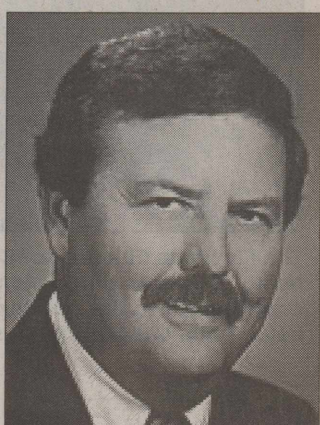
Duane was born to Harold and Mary Harris Griffith on January 27, 1941 in Lockney, Texas.

He was raised on the family farm near the Lone Star Community where he attended grade school. He graduated

from Lockney High School in 1959, where he was class president and a star football player for the Lockney Longhorns. He attended Texas Tech University and graduated in 1963 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy.

While attending Texas Tech, Duane began dating one of his Lockney classmates, Patsy Ashton who was attending West Texas State University. They married on May 29, 1963 in Roswell, New Mexico. Afterwards, Duane and Patsy moved to Plainview where he began a 40-year career with Pioneer Hibred Seed.

Duane enjoyed trips with family and friends and loved history and writing. In 2015, he published a historical novel, *PLANT MY FEET*, based on



VICTOR "DUANE" GRIFFITH

his family history and the settlement of the south plains area.

One of Duane's dreams was to become a landowner. In 2000, he purchased a ranch in Crosby County. After retirement, he enjoyed running cattle and spending time working on the ranch. He was man of faith and a long See **OBITS**, Page 10

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Starry Skies

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? - *Psalm 8:3-4 (NIV)*

One evening I sat at the table with my 12-year-old daughter and her friend, as we do almost every Tuesday. Sometimes I read to the girls from the Bible, and on that day I read from Psalm 8. Then we talked about the wonders of our universe: how everything in our galaxy is suspended in massive darkness, how our sun is just one of the billions of stars in the Milky Way, and that there are likely many species of plants and animals living on the earth still undiscovered.

While we were discussing God's greatness and power, the sky

suddenly turned a beautiful pink. Both girls ran outside to take photos. My eyes filled with tears and my heart with adoration. It was as if God were smiling at us and saying, "Yes, my children, I am the Creator. I have made the heavens for you to wonder at and enjoy."

That evening we celebrated God's presence in scripture and in nature. Our Creator wants to speak to us every day. When we look out our window or open our Bibles, God is there. —*Marcela Nwanosike (Lincolnshire, United Kingdom)*

TODAY'S PRAYER

Creator God, thank you for all the ways you remind us of your presence. Amen.

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Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.

Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship
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Bible Study - 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening - 7 p.m.

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Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

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Lockney
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m.

City Park Church of Christ
Bob DuPont, Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Floydada
Mark Snowden, Pastor
Nathan Adams, Minister of Students and Discipleship
Ashley Adams, Minister of Music
Ludustia Prisk, Director of Children's Ministry
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Lockney

Joseph Tillery, Pastor
Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
Floydada
Gary Boles, Pastor
Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
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Rev. Ricky Carsensen, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service - 6 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High - 5:30 p.m.
Wed High School - 6:30 p.m.

Grant Chapel Church of God in Christ
Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday - 8 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

Main Street Church of Christ
Lockney
James Blair, Minister
Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
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Rev. Timothy Askey
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Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday Study - 6 p.m.

New Salem Primitive Baptist Church
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Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges
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Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church

310 Mississippi
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Rev David Ramos, Pastor
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
Sunday Bible - 10 a.m.
Morning Praise - 11 a.m.
Evening Praise 5 - p.m.
Wed Worship - 7 p.m.

Power of Praise Full Gospel Church
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
704 B Main, Lockney
Sunday Services - 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 5 p.m.
Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.

Primera Iglesia Bautista
Lockney
Jesus Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Discipleship - 5 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7 p.m.

Primera Iglesia Bautista
Floyada
Rev. Toby Gonzales
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Evening - 7 p.m.

San Jose Catholic Church
Priest - Sylvester Dsouza
Sat - 4:30 p.m. Evening Mass
Sun - 9 a.m. Mass
Mon - 9:30 a.m. Mass
Thurs. - 5:30 Evening Mass

South Plains Baptist Church
Dan Beaty, Pastor
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

Templo Getsemani Assembly of God
701 W. Missouri
Joe M. Hernandez
983-5286 (Church)
Sunday School
English - 9:45 a.m.
Spanish - 11 a.m.
Worship
Spanish - 9:30 a.m.
English - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 5 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
Floydada
Rev. Renato Cruz
Parochial Vicar - Jacob Powell
983-5878
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.
Mon. & Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m.

Templo Bautista Salem
Lockney
Rev. Joe Hernandez
Bun Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed. Meeting - 7 p.m.

Templo Bethel Spanish Assembly of God
Washington And 1st St.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5 p.m.
Wed Service - 7 p.m.

Templo Nueva Vida
Rev. Herman Martinez
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308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School - 10:00 A.M.
Evening Worship - 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday Service - 7:00 P.M.

Trinity Assembly
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Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.

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Worship Service 11 - a.m.

West Side Church of Christ
Floydada
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Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.

AGRICULTURE

More Hunters Wanted: Texas is Losing the Fight Against Feral Hogs

By John McAdams
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Despite years of intense hunting and trapping, Texas is losing the war on feral hogs.

Since the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) first began removing feral hogs in 1982, the hog population in the Lone Star State has dramatically increased and there are now more than ten times as many hogs in the state as there were then. Unfortunately, the evidence is clear: Texas is losing the war on the destructive critters.

Texas has very permissive regulations regarding hog hunting, and hunters may pursue hogs all year long with no bag limit. They may be hunted over bait, trapped, hunted at night and from aircraft. As a result, it's estimated that over three quarters of a million hogs are taken by hunters, trappers, and TPWD each year in Texas.

Unfortunately, it's not enough.

Even though hunters and trappers are killing approximately 30 percent of the hog population in Texas annually, hog numbers are still growing by about 20 percent each year. Biologists and wildlife managers estimate that 70 percent of the hogs in the state will have to be killed annually just to maintain current population levels and even more must

be taken to actually reduce their numbers.

You read that right: 7 out of every 10 hogs in the state must be killed just to keep their numbers where they are now.

So why are wild hog populations experiencing such explosive growth in this portion of the United States?

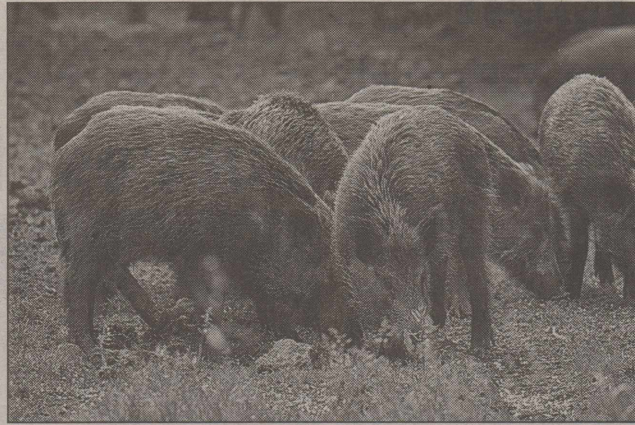
The main reason is that hogs breed almost as fast as rabbits. They become sexually mature before they are a year old and can produce as many as three litters of 6 to 8 piglets every year.

Another reason they are difficult to control is because feral pigs are very intelligent and resilient animals. They quickly respond to hunting and trapping pressure by changing their habits or just leaving the area for greener pastures when things get too hot.

Since they are known to roam over extremely long distances in search of food, this makes long-term hog control measures difficult and complicated.

Landowners and biologists have been relatively successful in controlling feral hog populations in small areas. However, these are usually short-term successes that only last until a new hog sounder moves in and the cycle starts over again.

While wild hogs are fun to hunt and provide some very tasty table fare, they cause all sorts of problems. Their diet normally con-



sists of things like roots, acorns, tubers, and other plants, they will eat literally anything they can find or catch. Crops, snakes, insects, ground-nesting birds, and even deer fawns are not safe from a hungry hog.

Wild pigs are a textbook example of an invasive species and are causing significant damage to native wildlife and ecosystems in Texas. In addition to competing directly with deer for food, they damage vegetation that quail and turkey need to thrive. They also are carriers of a number of nasty diseases and

there have even been cases of drinking water sources being contaminated by droppings from feral hogs.

So, we've established that Texas is losing the war on feral hogs and that's clearly a bad thing. However, what can be done about it?

Hog hunting and trapping are already going full bore in Texas. Right now, these operations are taking less than half the number of hogs necessary to stop their explosive population growth and it is doubtful this can be achieved by those with trapping and hunting alone.



Auxin Training Scheduled

FLOYDADA - The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct an auxin training for producers in Floyd County and surrounding counties.

The Texas Department of Agriculture has required a special auxin-specific training in 2018 for those applying the new auxin formulations of dicamba.

This training extends to licensed TDA applicators and any unlicensed person who will be making applications of Xtendimax, Engenia and FeXapan under a licensed applicator. This training is not required for those using range and pasture dicamba products.

Each program will be one hour and will provide one Texas Department of Agriculture laws and regulations continuing education unit. The training will focus on new label changes and drift precautions.

March 16, 8:30 a.m. at the Floyd County Extension Office, 122 E California St., Floydada.

March 31, 8:30 a.m. at Floyd County Extension Office, 122 E California St., Floydada.

There will be a limit to 15 people per training. To reserve a seat please contact the AgriLife Extension office in Floyd County 806-983-4912 or Dagan Teague 361-494-7075.

Poison has been touted as one potential way to turn things around in the war on feral hogs. However, the use of a feral hog poison on a large scale is a very hotly contested idea.

Among other issues, researchers have struggled to find a poison that will quickly and reliably kill hogs without harming other wildlife. For instance, proponents of hog poison experienced a big setback when nearly 200 birds died after consuming sodium nitrite poison intended for hogs during field testing in northern Texas.

Until a permanent and lasting solution is developed,

we'll have to deal with hogs the old fashioned way: by hunting and trapping them. So, hit the woods and start doing your part in the war on feral hogs.

NRCS Announces 2020 Deadline for Conservation Assistance Funding

Special to be Hesperian-Beacon

TEMPLE — The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas has announced the first funding application deadline of April 3, for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). If additional financial assistance funds are still available, a second funding application deadline will

be scheduled for May 15.

Applications are taken year around for NRCS programs, but deadlines are announced to rank and fund eligible conservation projects. Producers interested in signing up for EQIP should submit applications to their local USDA service center. If already a USDA client, a producer can submit applications online via Conservation Client Gateway.

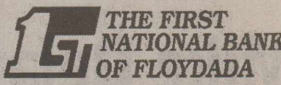
EQIP is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers. Technical assistance is provided without a fee from NRCS specialists to help landowners and land managers plan and implement conservation practices to help them meet their land management goals, address natural resource concerns and improve soil, water,

plant, animal, air, and related resources on agricultural land and non-industrial private forestland.

For additional information visit the NRCS Texas website at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov. Applications for EQIP are accepted on a continuous basis. Producers interested in EQIP can contact their local USDA service center or visit our NRCS EQIP web page.

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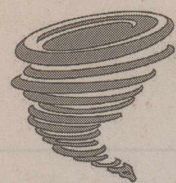
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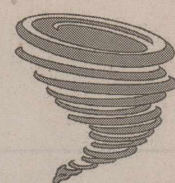
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Floydada OAP advances to Bi-District Competition

By Yelena Serrato
FHS Correspondent

POST—The Floydada One Act Play cast performed their play Tracks by Peter Tarsi on Thursday, March 5 in Post where they placed third overall in district competition.

As found in the synopsis of the play, Tracks is about a group of strangers who meet in a dirty subway station. They have arrived with limited personal belongings; their watches have stopped and they all claim to be in different cities. Soon they learn there is no way out of the station, and the unfortunate truth is told to them: they are all dead.

Since subway stations have two sides, they reason the train leaving from one platform must be bound for heaven, while the train leaving from the other platform must be bound for hell. But which platform are they on?

They reflect upon their lives, recalling and confessing past deeds of which they are not proud, hoping to figure out which platform is which. The arrival of someone from the other platform only com-



Back row (l-r) Aliana Gonzalez, Yelena Serrato, Andrez Suarez, Azalea Garza, Mike DelaFuente, Angel Fipps, Thomas Longoria Front row (l-r) Emily Johnson, Kaylea Britt, Tyson Snell (Photo by Yelena Serrato)

plicates matters, and the answer remains unclear. As the subway train finally approaches, they must decide whether to stay and ponder their actions further, or to have faith and climb aboard to their final destination.

The play, has a cast size of ten characters who are played by Mike DelaFuente, Azalea Garza, Tyson Snell Andrez Suarez, Yelena Serrato, Aliana Gonzalez, Angel Fipps, Kaylea Britt, Thomos Longoria and Emily Johnson.

Along with an advancing play, Floydada brought home three awards. Senior Mike DelaFuente received honorable mention all-star cast and senior Yelena Serrato received all-star cast. Freshman Emily Johnson was awarded best actress for her remarkable performance as a homeless girl.

Floydada OAP will compete in Sudan on March 24 for a chance to continue performing. Best of luck to the entire cast, crew and directors. Break a leg!

FHS Powerlifters qualify for Regionals

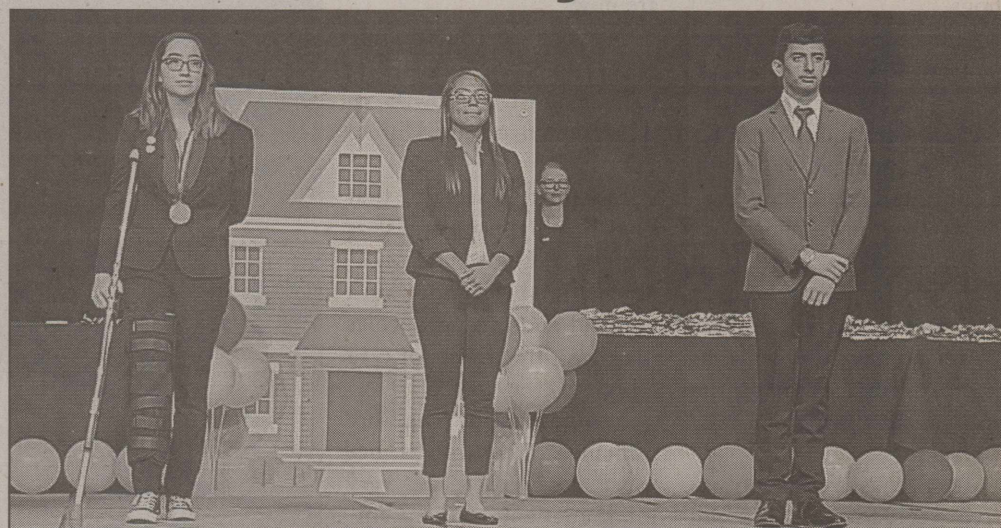
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Floydada High School powerlifters, Dillion Bruington and Alex Carmona will be compet-

ing at the Regional Meet in Sundown on Saturday, March 14.

Congratulations and good luck to both of you!

Success for Floydada's BPA



Clarissa DelaFuente placed 7th overall in the State BPA competition in Linux Operating Systems. (Courtesy Photo)

By Yelena Serrato
FHS Correspondent

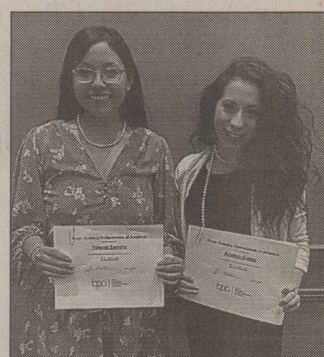
DALLAS—Floydada High School sent 24 students to Dallas to compete at the state Business Professionals of America (BPA) competition from March 4-7.

Sophomore Clarissa DelaFuente was a finalist in the Linux Operating System and finished 7th place overall.

Seniors Azalea Garza and

Yelena Serrato both won a BPA scholarship worth \$2,500 and \$1,000, respectively. They were selected based on their interview, essay, resume and academic profile.

Congratulations to all members who were given the opportunity to compete at the state level. We look forward to continuing to see BPA benefiting the students of our community



Business Scholarship recipients are l-r: Yelena Serrato and Azalea Garza. (Courtesy Photo)

Mike Delafuente



Floydada High School senior Mike Delafuente has been selected to play in the 2020 ASCO All-Star Classic on June 4 at 7 p.m. at Lowery Field in Lubbock. Delafuente will play linebacker on the blue team and will represent Floydada. He played for the 2019 Whirlwinds as a quarterback and linebacker. Congratulations Mike! (Photo courtesy of Robin's Nest Photography).

Whirlwind Relays held on new track

Photos courtesy of FHS Yearbook

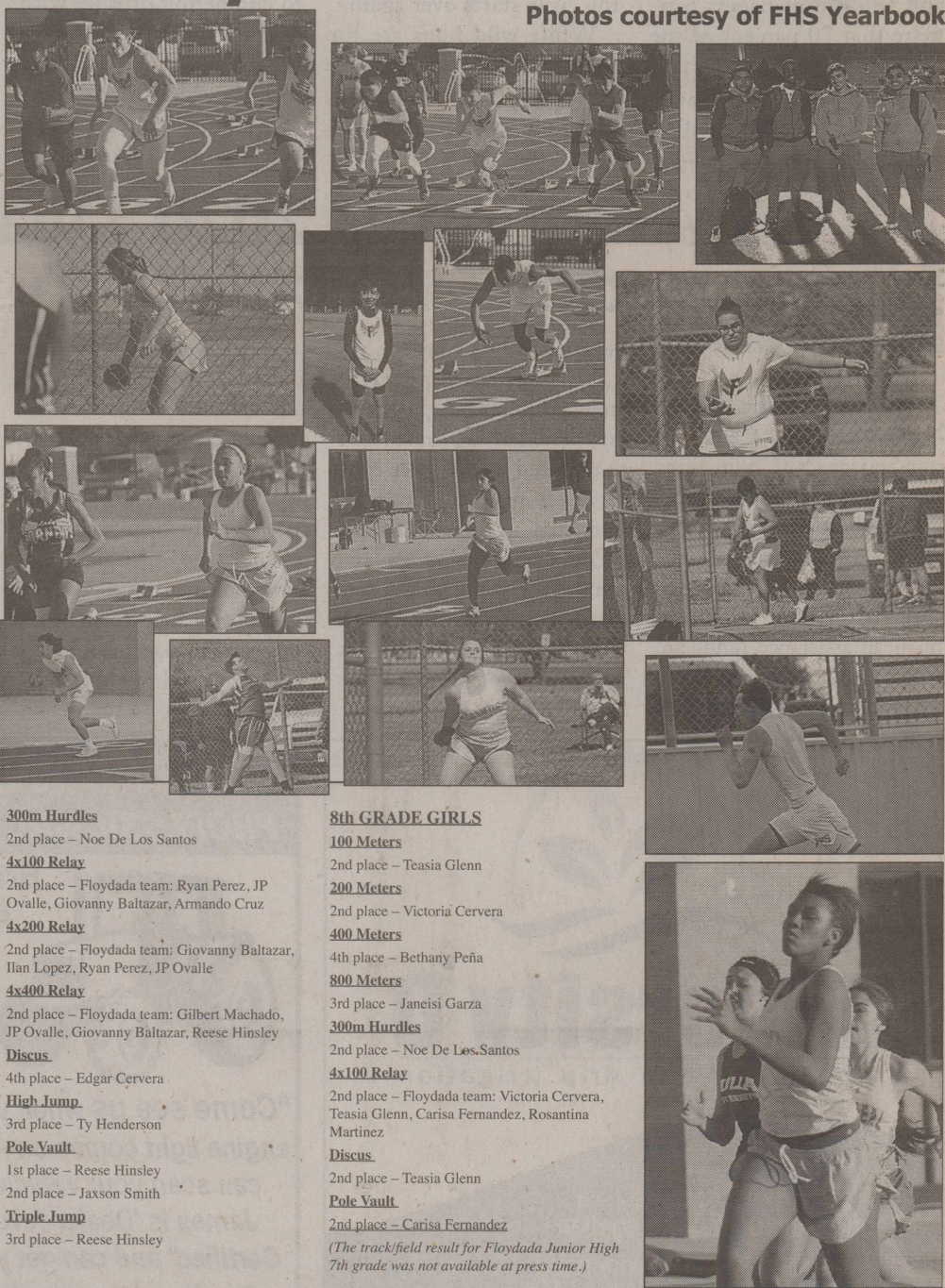
By Ruth Ramirez
FHS Correspondent

FLOYDADA - Floydada held the Whirlwind Relay Track meets for both junior high and high school at the new Whirlwind stadium on Thursday, March 5 and Friday, March 6.

Teams from across the area came to participate in the first meet of the season.

Both junior high and high school track teams are looking great and set a remarkable pace for the upcoming season.

Listed below are results for the Floydada High School and Floydada Junior High.



Floydada High School Track and Field Results - March 6

Varsity Boys

- 100 Meters**
- 2nd place - Maliki Hardaway
- 4th place - Dillon Bruington
- 110m Hurdles**
- 2nd place - Kyle Bruington
- 300m Hurdles**
- 4th place - Andrez Suarez
- 4x200 Relay**
- 2nd place - Floydada team: Alonzo Ascencio, Pablo Mendoza, Alexyz Alvarado, Matthew Morales
- 4x400 Relay**
- 4th place - Floydada team: Pablo Mendoza, Dez Wickware, Alexyz Alvarado, Izaiah Alvarado
- Shot Put**
- 1st place - Luke Holcombe
- 2nd place - Jeffery Loustaunau

Discus

- 1st place - Luke Holcombe

Long Jump

- 1st place - Jason Cooper
- 2nd place - Maliki Hardaway
- 4th place - Dillon Bruington

Triple Jump

- 1st place - Marcus Perez

Varsity Girls

100 Meters

- 1st place - Alyssa Hinson

300m Hurdles

- 3rd place - Natalie Contreras

4x100 Relay

- 3rd place - Floydada team: Alexis Cruz, Alyssa Hinson, Faith Lopez, Ali Gonzales

4x200 Relay

- 4th place - Floydada team: Clarissa De la Fuente, Alyssa Hinson, Faith Lopez, Erin Trevino

Shot Put

- 1st place - Luke Holcombe

4th place - Alex De La Santos

Discus

- 1st place - Ali Gonzales

High Jump

- 4th place - Natalie Contreras

Long Jump

- 2nd place - Alexis Cruz

Triple Jump

- 4th place - Erin Trevino

Floydada Junior High Track and Field Results - March 5

8th GRADE BOYS

100 Meters

- 3rd place - Ilan Lopez

200 Meters

- 3rd place - Ilan Lopez

400 Meters

- 4th place - Gilbert Machado

800 Meters

- 3rd place - Reese Hinsley

300m Hurdles

- 2nd place - Noe De Los Santos

4x100 Relay

- 2nd place - Floydada team: Ryan Perez, JP Ovalle, Giovanni Baltazar, Armando Cruz

4x200 Relay

- 2nd place - Floydada team: Giovanni Baltazar, Ilan Lopez, Ryan Perez, JP Ovalle

4x400 Relay

- 2nd place - Floydada team: Gilbert Machado, JP Ovalle, Giovanni Baltazar, Reese Hinsley

Discus

- 4th place - Edgar Cervera

High Jump

- 3rd place - Ty Henderson

Pole Vault

- 1st place - Reese Hinsley

- 2nd place - Jaxson Smith

Triple Jump

- 3rd place - Reese Hinsley

8th GRADE GIRLS

100 Meters

- 2nd place - Teasia Glenn

200 Meters

- 2nd place - Victoria Cervera

400 Meters

- 4th place - Bethany Peña

800 Meters

- 3rd place - Janeisi Garza

300m Hurdles

- 2nd place - Noe De Los Santos

4x100 Relay

- 2nd place - Floydada team: Victoria Cervera, Teasia Glenn, Carisa Fernandez, Rosantina Martinez

Discus

- 2nd place - Teasia Glenn

Pole Vault

- 2nd place - Carisa Fernandez

(The track/field result for Floydada Junior High 7th grade was not available at press time.)

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Lockney Junior High

"A" Honor Roll

6th GRADE
Rebecca Blair

7th GRADE
Moses Hogan, Bryson Klein, Brinley Lefevre
Yareli Naranjo

8th GRADE
Michael Hogan, Brailey Kidd

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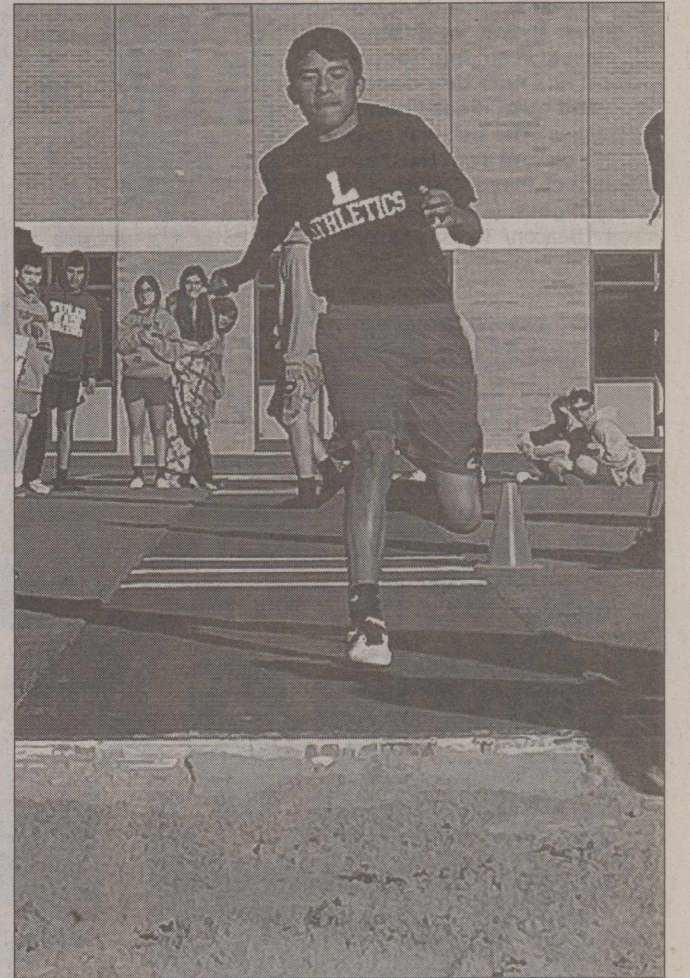
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Samantha Blair, Saylee Diepenhorst, Colby Guerrero
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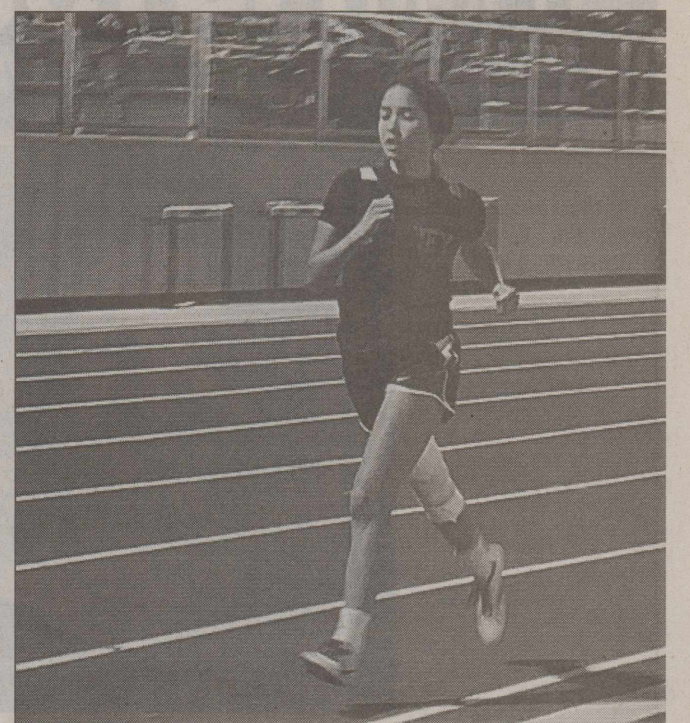
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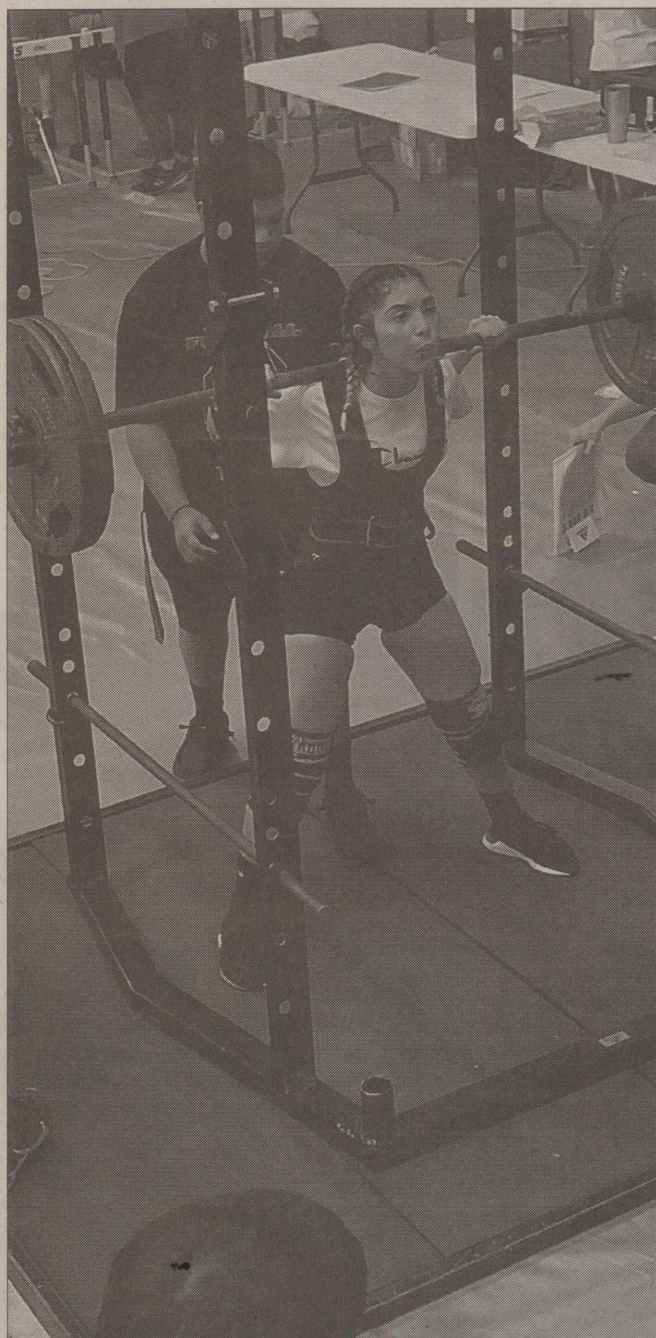
Eighth grade LJH student, Chris Isaguirre competed in the triple jump at the track meet in Floydada on Thursday. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)



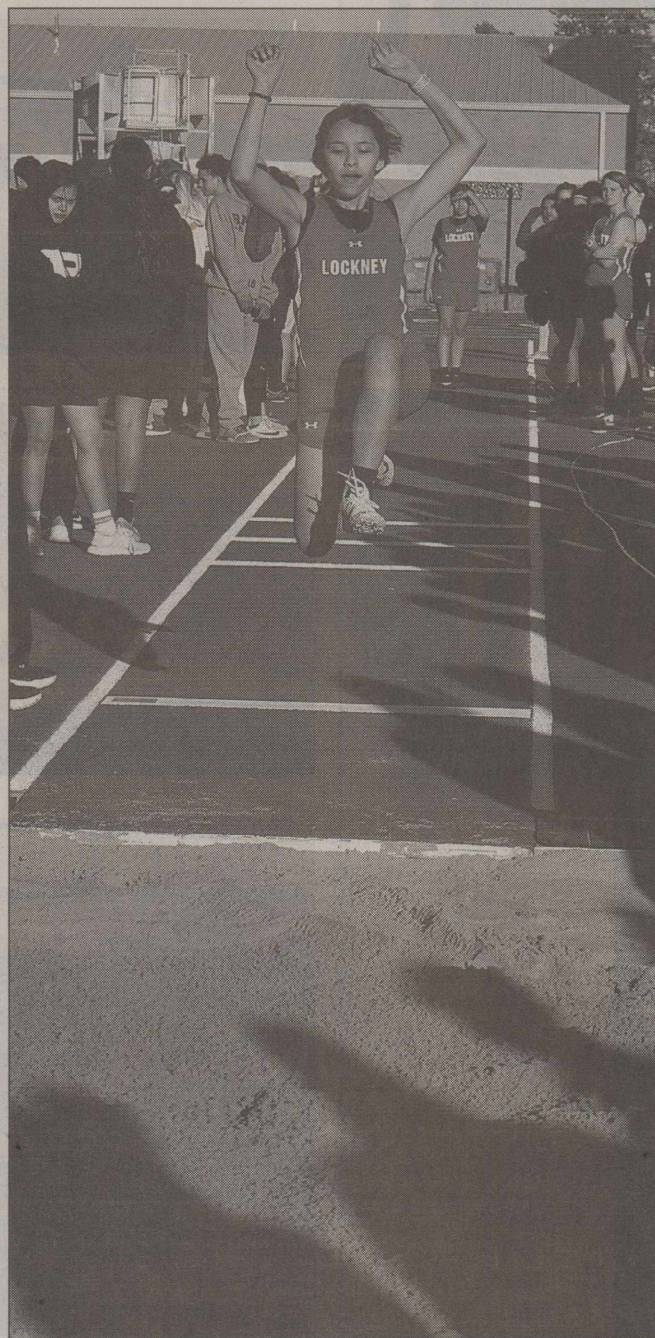
Thursday Nadia Perez competed in the triple jump at the track meet in Floydada. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)



Seventh grader, Sophie Gutierrez runs the 800. The track meet was held in Floydada on Thursday. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)



Lockney High School junior Hannah Reyes competed at the Regional Powerlifting Meet held in Seagraves on Friday. Reyes started out in 12 place and finished in 8. She squatted 205, benched 120 and deadlifted 205 pounds. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)



The cooler weather didn't slow down 8th grade LHS student, Anyaleigh Tambunga. She competed Thursday in the triple jump at the track meet that was held in Floydada. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

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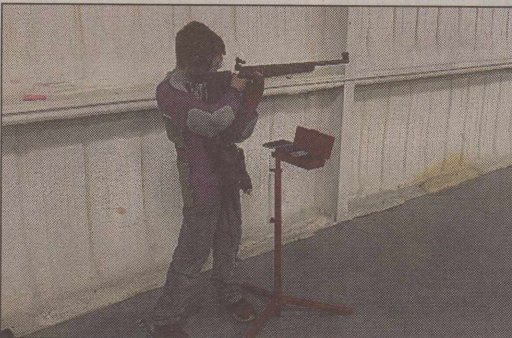
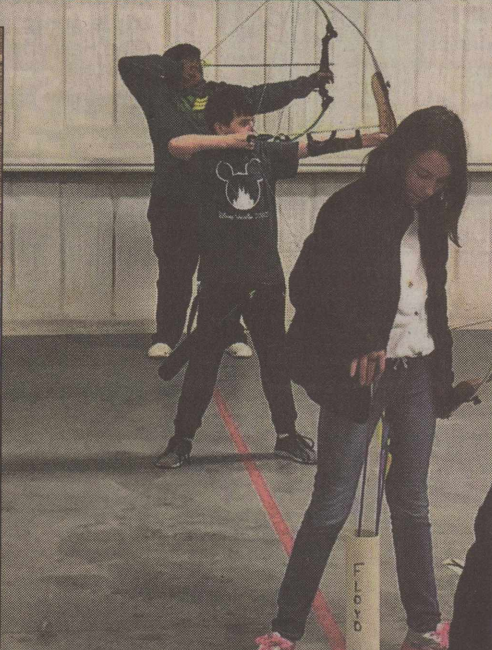
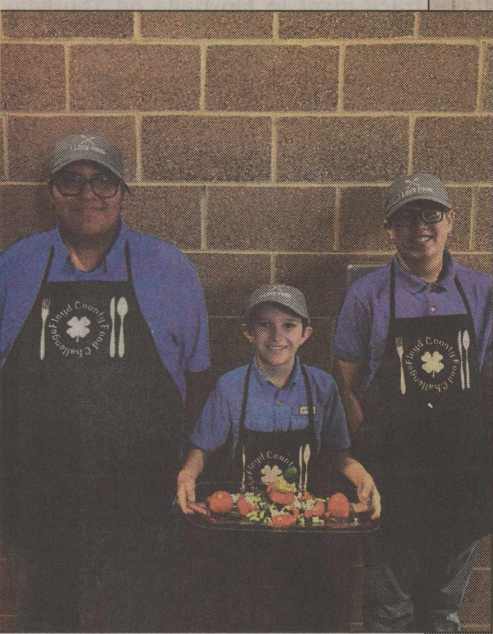
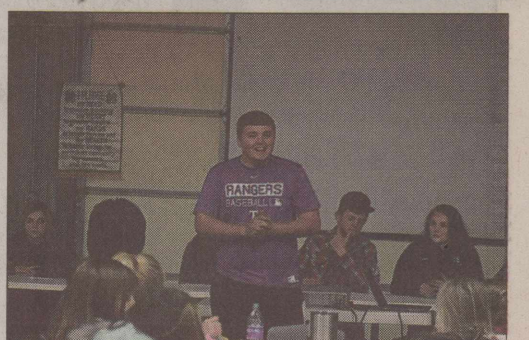
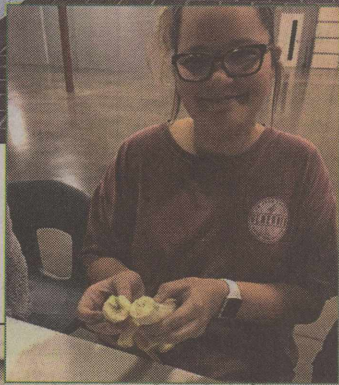
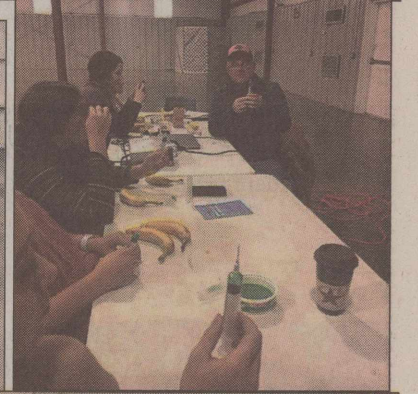
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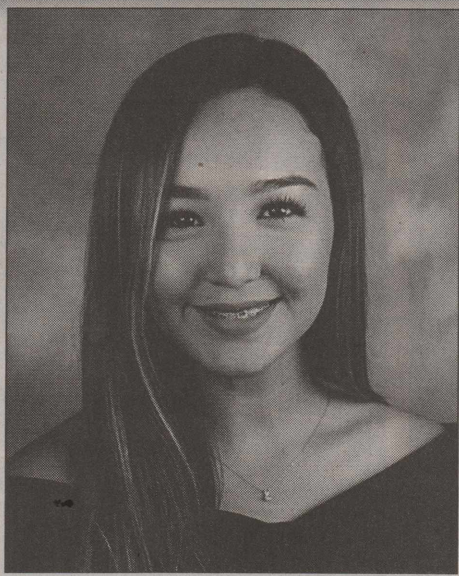
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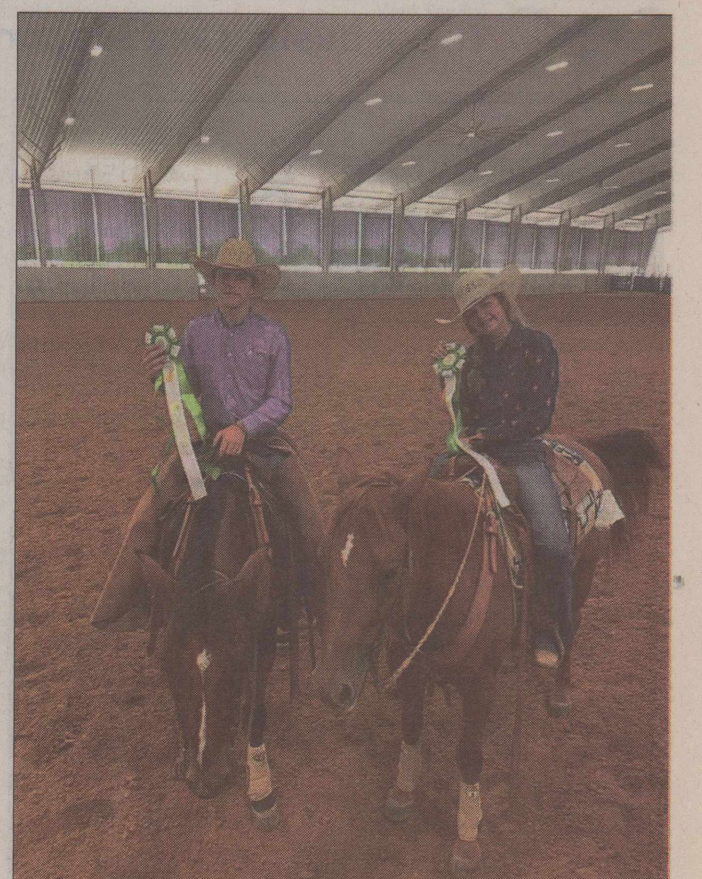
- Senior at Floydada High School
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All creditors having claims against the estate are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned at the address shown below within the time prescribed by law.

Dated this 4th day of March, 2020.

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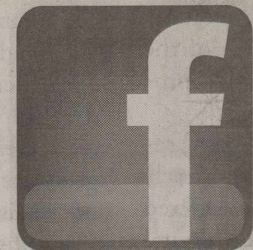
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Jiu Jitsu has become a way of life

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian - Beacon

LOCKNEY—Jason Rogers, 41 years old, said “This is a way of life for me and I have never felt better.” Rogers is talking about Jiu Jitsu.

Jiu Jitsu is a form of Japanese martial arts that he has been practicing since Nov. 2017. Rogers was looking for a way to deal with the stress of losing his dad a few months earlier.

Rogers is married and has three daughters. He works for Xcel energy and calls Lockney his home. He was born and raised in Amarillo.

Rogers was active in sports during his school years and stayed fit all his life. He had a massive heart attack when he was 36 years old.

Before he decided to take up Jiu Jitsu Rogers checked it out with his heart doctor. My doctor said, “That’s a great form of exercius. Sure, do it! It’ll be a great way to get your heart stronger.”

The benefits of Jiu Jitsu are both physical and mental. It’s a great form of exercise and promotes good overall

health. Jiu Jitsu teaches you problem solving and critical thinking skills, that can be used in our everyday lives. It teaches you how to defend yourself physically and makes you more confident. It’s a great way to make life-long friends.

Jiu Jitsu is a martial art based on grappling and ground fighting, focusing on the skill of controlling one’s opponent through techniques that force him or her to submit. It prides itself in being known as the gentle art.

There are eight reasons why is this the perfect martial art.

First – It is one of the most potent, real-life fighting systems on the planet. The techniques you learn in Jiu Jitsu, which focuses on taking your opponent down to the ground and keeping them there, enables you to get into a more dominant position. This always gives you the upper hand in a real-life self-defense situation.

Second – Anyone can practice Jiu Jitsu. Women, men and even children as young as four years old.

Third – It is a martial art that sharpens the mind.

Forth – It is a great workout. One of the greatest benefits of Jiu Jitsu is how your body changes without you realizing it.

Fifth – It is one of the best bases for mixed martial arts. Anyone who has a solid base in Jiu Jitsu has the upper hand

Sixth – It builds character. Jiu Jitsu exposes you to a roller coaster of emotions that not only makes you stronger physically but mentally and emotionally as well. You must be ready to accept failure, learn from it and move on.

Seventh – It promotes continuous self-improvement. Whether you are a black belt or a white belt, Jit Jitsu teaches you to realize that the only way to improve is to continuously work on it.

Eight – The lessons you learn in the mat can be applied to your daily life. The more you train in Jiu Jitsu the more focused you become on the bigger picture.

In Jiu Jitsu you don’t throw punches and don’t do karate kicks. When you train

in Jiu Jitsu you will learn this is a martial art that teaches you to reframe from fighting, this is a form of great personal protection, it’s a great workout for mind and soul and a great way for the youth to protect themselves from bullying.

Rogers trains at Extreme Karate in Plainview one to two times per week with trainer Jacob Cerda.

Cerda has been training for 12 and a half years and he has a true passion for Jiu Jitsu.

In early February Rogers competed in his second competition in Odessa against a wrestler and placed first. In his first competition was in Lubbock in 2019 and again he took first place in his age and weight division.

Rogers has a dream of helping the youth in Lockney learn this outstanding way of life.

Rogers shared a quote with me. “Get your kids training Jiu jitsu, boxing, wrestling, or Muay Thai. Not only will it prevent them from being bullied, it will prevent them from bullying. By Jocko Willink.



L to R: Jason Rogers and his trainer Jacob Cerda. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

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MATADOR - One young father from Texas is producing an all new children’s television show complete with puppets,

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The show releases to digital platforms on April 10, followed by a traditional DVD release in May. Parents will appreciate the calm pacing and real world exploration, in contrast to some of the modern, hyper-active programming.

To launch this new series, an exclusive “early access” package is offered that includes free digital streaming with a DVD preorder. The first season of Little Image-Bearers was

recorded last year thanks to a handful of supporters who liked the concept. And the producers hope DVD sales will help provide for upcoming production on season two.

Caleb Phipps, the lead writer and actor in the show, wants to teach children what it means to know right from wrong, in light of God’s Word.

“The majority of shows available to our 2-10 year-olds are unrealistically fast-paced and display bad attitudes or crude humor,” says Mr. Phipps, “That’s why we’re creating Little Image-Bearers to be a simple and realistic show having a clear distinction between reality and make-believe.”

Phipps is an award-winning short film director

and professional painter. He hopes children will see how uniquely special they are in the eyes of God and understand the salvation offered in Jesus Christ. At the center of this new show is what Jesus said in Matthew 19; “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”

Latest news and previews can be found on the official Facebook page and at www.littleimagebearers.com



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Cooper

per; two sons, Ted Cooper and Terry Cooper; and a brother, Dean Purcell.

Violet is survived by her sister, Bettye Love of Ft. Worth; a daughter, Glenda Jones and husband, Archie of Lockney; a son, Tim Cooper and his wife, Tamera of Lubbock; six grandchildren, Sammie, Kevin, Adam, Ashleigh, Tait and Tory; and six great-grandchildren, Nathaniel, Elizabeth, Connor, Jason, Easton and Finley.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Family Council in care of the Lockney Health and Rehabilitation Center, PO Box 1060, Lockney, Texas 79241.

Online condolences may be made at www.moore-rose.com.

Griffith

time member of the Northwest Church of Christ in Plainview.

He is preceded in death by his father and mother, two children, Dane and Amy, and his brother, Harold Dean Griffith.

He is survived by his wife, Patsy Griffith of Grapevine, two daughters, Lori Glenn and Danny of Plainview and Kristi Quick and Dan of Colleyville. Also, two grandsons, Travis Glenn of Houston, and Tyler Glenn and Kylie of Crestline, California, two granddaughters, Averi and Kaitlin Quick of Colleyville; and one brother, Dennis Griffith.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donating to the Kidney Foundation.

UPCOMING

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Drop-off point for junk/trash will be at the 600 block of Main St. (old Webster’s gas station). For more information call the City of Lockney at 806-652-2355.

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BROWN

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Rico for duty. “What I remember most about being there was arriving and there being so many parachutes that had been left folded to long. They were molded, we had to dry them all out and start all over.

“It was during that time that my daughter, Ann was born. She was born 10 months after her mother and I married,” said Brown. “I wanted to get home and see my family, but that wasn’t in the cards. I didn’t get a pass to leave until Ann was just about a year old.”

After a short home visit Brown was stationed in Hawaii for a very short time. While he was there, he oversaw the postal exchange.

From there the 311th Troop Carrier Squadron was transferred to Okinawa. While out on the water in the Pacific, the atomic bombs

were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The war was wrapping up when Brown first put his feet on Japanese soil.

Once the war ended and our troops were waiting to get their orders to go home, Brown was given two tents to set up on base. One tent was a postal exchange center and the other was a smaller tent that he used as a tailor shop.

He was given a sewing machine and he put is knowledge that he learned while working at the dry cleaners to use. Brown taught a young man for Missouri to sew. The two of the would hem up pants and jacket, repair zippers and sewed on patches.

“I used condemned parachutes to make tassels an I would sale them for \$5 each. The men were happy to buy them, just to have something to send home for their wives

at Christmas time,” Brown said. “So, I kind of had a usually stay in the Military. It wasn’t meant for me to see the front lines of the war.”

Once it was time for the everyone to start to return home each soldier was given a number, the number represent the order these troops would go home. Brown had his number and the plane was loading. He was finally coming home to his family. Just 30 minutes before the plane took off Brown was taken off the plane. There was someone else who had a pressing matter that required him to get home.

That very plane went down just off the island of Iwo Jima. Everyone on that plain lost their lives. “It was an awful day,” said Brown “I thank the Lord every day that I made it back home to my family.” (Editor’s note: Part 2 of 4-part series)

First United Methodist Church Floydada
203 West Kentucky, Floydada

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11:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.



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